

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
August 17, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, August 17, 1925, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence and Deininger. Absent: None.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of August 10, 1925, were read and approved as read.

A communication from the County Sanitation District #5 regarding a permit for excavating in the streets, was referred to the City Engineer and Attorney on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

An application for a building permit for a Service station was filed by O. J. Batsch, together with plans therefor.

As same complied with the laws governing such erections, Trustee Brooks moved that a permit be granted as sought above. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Under oral communications, Mr. Klusman was given the floor and stated that gambling had been allowed in the City under the direction of the Mayor, the Police Commissioner and the City Attorney, asking that these three gentlemen resign and that the Clerk be instructed to call a special election.

Mr. Bell was recognized by the Chair and made a talk in defence of the absent Attorney Briney, stating that every man in Torrance, excepting the one that complained, was equally guilty of allowing gambling.

President Deininger stated that he had no intention of resigning and called on Trustee Smith to express his views.

Trustee Smith said that if the conservative, responsible people, whom he was there to serve, wished his resignation, he would be pleased to give it; but, coming as it did, it did not deserve consideration.

Trustee Brooks reported that the building--supposed to have been damaged by the sprinkling of oil during the improvement of the alley--was not materially defaced as he had to get his nose right up against it in order to notice any oil specks, and that he thought the owner had no cause against the City.

Trustee Torrence reported that the formulation of an ordinance was awaiting the return of the City Attorney.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that he had a very voluminous report from the Auditor, Mr. Huberich, same being for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925; that this report would be filed in the office of the City Clerk where interested citizens might have recourse to it.

Mr. Gascoigne reported that the location of the ball ground had not been definitely decided.

The Clerk reported for the Recorder fines amounting to \$644.00 for the month of July, and civil cases \$67.90. Building permits for July were \$13925.00.

Mr. Hobson reported that he had received an estimate on the spur track, proposed to serve the City yard, same being \$880.00 for 140 feet, and the grading etc would have to be done by the City.

He also said that negotiations, referring to set-back controversy, were pending with Mr. Palmer.

The application of Mr. Davidson for a permit to erect an oil station at 2624 Carson Street, laid over from the last meeting, was brought up again.

Trustee Smith moved that a building permit be granted as sought. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Jessup stated that the laying of sewer lines under Redondo Boulevard before the paving was not feasible as there was so little fall from the west easterly; that the line might have to go in a northerly direction to connect with the new Sanitary Dist. #5 over toward Nigger slough; that water pipes were being laid before the paving.

Trustee Smith moved that the Clerk be authorized to take out insurance of the two city trucks and the Roadster for fire and theft, property damage and public liability at a cost of \$133.00 in accordance with Mr. Foley's estimate. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh was outside for the moment.

On request of Mr. Treadwell, Trustee Brooks moved that a permit be granted to anyone wishing to operate an auto wrecking business on Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 3. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Jessup read

RESOLUTION NO. 251
ADOPTING PLANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
OF A PORTION OF MARTINA AVE.

Trustee Smith moved that Resolution No. 251 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence, Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Engineer Jessup read:

RESOLUTION NO. 252
ADOPTING SPECIFICATIONS NO. 24

Trustee Smith moved that Resolution No. 252 be adopted as read and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence, Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Engineer Jessup read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 253
A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE
A PORTION OF MARTINA AVENUE

Trustee Smith moved that Resolution of Intention No. 253 be adopted as read and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence, Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Smith moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence, Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 9:00 p.m., Trustee Smith moved to adjourn until 8:00 p.m. August 24, 1925. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. B. B. B.
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

R. H. B. B. B.
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.

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